

Case - Timothy N. Pfeiffer,
Subject - Homicide, New Brunswick, N.J.,
Investigation - Mr. DeM.

DEM/Parker, Mills

mation to a reporter by the name of Frank Roth, and he would not be a bit surprised that he was getting compensated for it. Also that before this case when David was a Newark Private Detective, he had David assist him on cases, and always thought very well of him, but since he has learned all this, he does not think so much of David. Another thing, at the beginning the case looked very easily solved, and for that reason the Middlesex people were very glad to get into it, but when the newspapers started to criticise, the Middlesex County Authorities did not hesitate to try to clear their own scores and fasten the blunder on the Somerset County Authorities. He then told me of one instance as to how the newspapers got a copy of the witnesses statements, which happened in this manner - Mr. Stricker was at his Deal Beach home, he and Beekman received a telephone message to hurry and go to Stricker's place; when he and Beekman arrived at Stricker's house, they found David there and a number of men, one of whom he now thinks was vanRaalte. Mr. Stricker started to tell Beekman about the proposition that these men had offered, that they were experienced detectives and had worked on many of these cases and were very successful; that it would not cost them a cent and that they were willing to offer their services for nothing, also that it would be a good idea to let them work on this, and see these statements. Mr. Totten said that he did not like the idea and he called Beekman's attention to it, but as Beekman was the boss he could not stop it, so the statements were then turned over to these fellows who later turned out to be newspaper reporters, using Totten's own words, "That's how Stricker put it over on us."

Mr. Totten seems to be very much impressed that Jim Mills is guilty. Infact he told me that he does not believe Mrs. Hall did the killing, and as to Mrs. Gibson he says he never believed her story. I may further add that Parker told me that Mott and Mason are no longer in the case.